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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of foreign documents are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed on July 28, 2009, directed to a counterpart international or foreign application and have not been previously cited. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) follows:

I hereby certify that each item of information was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the fact that:

- English abstracts of foreign-language documents 4 and 5 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b are included.
- A partial English translation of JP-H08-512405 (document No. 2 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b) provided by the Industrial Property Digital Library (IPDL) of the Japan Patent Office (JPO) has been included. The partial English translation includes the claims and description.
- EP-0904729 (previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement) is an English-language equivalent application of JP-H11-160311 (document 4 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b).
- WO-95/02181 (document 1 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b) is an English-language equivalent application of JP-H08-512405 (document 2 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b).
- WO-98/37804 (document 3 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b) is an English-language equivalent application of JP-2001-513677 (document 5 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☐ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. However, if applicable, a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1) has been provided.
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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08a/b, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98 is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

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